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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources  
and  
the Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Tuesday, March 10, 2015                      9:00 a.m.                      Senate Appropriations, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Andrea L. LaFontaine, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki. (9/9)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The House Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 3, 2015 as printed.

**Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of March 3, 2015 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair turned the gavel over to the Senator Robertson, member of the Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

At 9:05 a.m., the Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Senator Robertson, Acting Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Senators Robertson and Stamas. (2/5)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was not present.

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The Acting Senate Chair led the committees in the Pledge of Allegiance, and turned the gavel over to the House Chair.

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The House Chair laid before the committees a presentation on the Remediation Programs in the Department Environmental Quality.

Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association's Director of Environmental and Regulatory Policy, and Liz Smalley, Attorney in the Office of Regulatory Reinvention in the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, provided the joint committee with background information on the remediation programs under Part 201 and 213 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Discussion and questions followed. A copy of the department's handout is attached.

At 9:15 a.m., Senator Casperson entered the room and took the gavel; a quorum of the Senate Committee was present.

The following individuals provide testimony regarding past legislative changes under this administration related to Part 201 and Part 213 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act concerning remediation programs:

Bob Wagner, Chief of the Land Remediation and Redevelopment Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

John Griffin, Executive Director of the American Petroleum Institute;

Jason Geer, Director of Energy and Environmental Policy for the Michigan Chamber;

Brian Eggers, Chief Principal and CO-Founder of AKT Peerless Environmental Services;

and

Abed Houssari, Director of Environmental Engineering in the Environmental Management and Resources of DTE Energy. Discussion and questions followed.

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**The Senate Chair moved to excuse Senator Pavlov from today's committee meeting; hearing no objections, the Senate member was excused.**

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The Senate Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 28, 2015 as printed.

**Representative Robertson moved to adopt the minutes of January 28, 2015 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

The Senate Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 3, 2015 as printed.

**Representative Stamas moved to adopt the minutes of March 3, 2015 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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There being no other business before the committee; **the Senate Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:47 a.m.**

Senate Chair handed the gavel over to the House Chair.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Rendon moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:47 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Andrea M. LaFontaine, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee